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In re Application of  
GERRY P. NOLAN  
Application No. 08/963,368  
Filed: November 3, 1997  
Attorney Docket No. A-64260-2/DJ

: DECISION GRANTING  
: PETITION  
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This is a decision on the petition filed January 3, 2002, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of November 3, 1997, rather than the presently accorded filing date of November 13, 1997.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on November 3, 1997. In support of the allegation, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail label No. EM554258349US. The "date-in" indicated on the Express Mail label is November 3, 1997. The same Express Mail label number was placed on the original application papers located in the official file.

In view of the above, the petition is **granted**. No petition fee is necessary.

This application file will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to **November 3, 1997, and the mailing of a corrected filing receipt.**

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